working smoothly for the ultimate benefit of the rural population of the State.

2. re. the Conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Laws on H. H. the Maharaja.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila)*.—Mr. President, Sir, I move, "*This Council conveys its respectful congratulations to His Highness the Maharaja on the conferment of the Honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the Benares Hindu University*". Sir, I am confident that in moving this Resolution I am voicing the sentiments that every one of us here hold on the high honour that the Benares Hindu University has conferred on His Highness the Maharaja. That His Highness is a great scholar and he is also a patron of Kerala culture, everybody knows. As the President has just now remarked, Cochin occupies a pre-eminently high place in matters of literacy and it is another reason why we should be proud of the degree that has been conferred. I consider the conferment of this degree on our beloved Maharaja as a fitting recognition that Kerala culture merits and also as a recognition of the high position which Cochin occupies today in matters educational. With these few words I commend the Resolution to the acceptance of the House.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—Sir, I second the resolution and I fully associate with all that has been said by the mover of this Resolution. The conferment of this degree by the Benares Hindu University on His Highness the Maharaja is a fitting honour that can ever be bestowed on a Ruler who is termed as the 'Dharmika Chakravarthi'.

Motion was put and carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

1. Rs. 440 under '4—Co-operative Societies—Miscellaneous'.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies)*.—Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 440 under 4—Co-operative Societies—Miscellaneous. The necessity for this has been well explained in the Notes for the Standing Finance Committee. I therefore request the House to be pleased to grant the allotment.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—Sir, I wish to have a certain information about this prosecution. May I know what

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the nature of the defamatory statement alleged to have been made against this officer and on what principle the cost has been assessed and also as to who conducted the prosecution, whether it is a private lawyer or the Government Pleader.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—The defamatory allegation was that the officer accepted bribes and I think he got sanction of the Government to take action against that person and the Government ordered that if the officer will vindicate his character he will be given the costs. It was a private Vakil who was engaged and his bill was considerably reduced after scrutiny. I think this is the minimum that will be accepted by any Vakil.

Grant was put and carried.

2. Rs. 213—3—3 under '4—Cooperative Societies—Miscellaneous'.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies.)*—Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 213—3—3 under 4—Co-operative Societies—Miscellaneous. This too has been explained in the notes for the Standing Finance Committee. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Grant was put and carried.

3. Rs. 130—under '32—Industries and Commerce—E—G. I. Schools—Miscellaneous'.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 130 under 32 Industries and Commerce—E—G. I. Schools—Miscellaneous. This is for the payment of arrears of rent and also for adjustment of a small amount due from the previous owner of the building. The necessity for this grant has been well explained in the notes for the Standing Finance Committee. I request the House to grant the same.

Grant was put and carried.

The House rose for lunch at 1-10 p. m. and re-assembled at 2-30 p. m. with M. R. Ry. K. Ayyappan Avl., B. A. (Panel Chairman) in the Chair.

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